

flux &c.<sup>3</sup> and the stench was insufferable ; but  
 he bore all  
 this like an old crafty general. Sir Edward  
 Deering, my  
 Lord Hewit, and others, came to let him know  
 they were  
 not there to have their arms across. The  
 Marechal was .a  
 man free from passion, but knew how to be  
 obeyed, and  
 told them with a soft voice ' Gentlemen, I  
 observe you al-  
 ways come to me in the afternoon/ meaning  
 by that they  
 had been playing the good fellow; ' pray when  
 you have  
 anything to say to me, come fasting. But let  
 me tell you  
 that if you continue in this way of  
 murmuring, I know  
 what I have to do.<sup>1</sup> Mr. William Harbord,  
 Commissary  
 General and of the Privy Council, was with  
 him generally  
 and as a friend besides, and this I had from  
 him. Mr.  
 Harbord added that the Marechal told him, '  
 Sir, you are  
 under my orders as well as the rest, but I  
 regard you as my  
 friend, and you, having the honour to be one of  
 the Prince's  
 Council, I will reason with you. Pray take this  
 perspective  
 glass, and then give me your opinion/ That  
 gentleman  
 perceived King James with his blue ribbon  
 riding about the  
 ranks, and his army in all appearance  
 numerous and in  
 excellent order, and also the troopers well  
 mounted. The  
 Marechal went on, \* Now, Mr. Harbord, you  
 see the reason  
 I cannot quit my post, and we are in a manner  
 but with a  
 handful of men in comparison of the other  
 army. Here I  
 will stay. What hinders me besides advancing  
 to the enemy  
 hinders them the same from attacking of me,  
 the defiles being  
 lined with cannon ; so here I will rest, and will  
 surmount all  
 difficulties. The great rains come in

generally in this  
country about Bartholomew-tide, and then the  
Irish army  
must of necessity go into quarters, and then  
we shall have  
another year for it/ And for this great action  
he was re-  
proached . . . „ but I was told then by men of  
experience  
that the Marechal, during the whole course of  
his service,  
never shewed himself so great a general as he  
did this sum-  
mer by doing of nothing, that is by inaction ;  
and what  
he foretold came to pass, and the armies  
went into  
quarters.<sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Memoirs, I. 252-3.